

REMARKS

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 5 and 6 have been canceled, and claim 12 has been amended to include a pick-up tool in place of a pick-up --implement--. Support for the pick-up tool being found at page 7, lines 16-29 of the Specification. The drawings now show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Office Action, corrected Figs. 2A and 2B are included. Figs. 2A and 2B now show reference character (41) pointing to a first end of the telescoping member 40.

Pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Office Action, reference character (115) page 8, line 17 has been changed to (116); and on page 9, line 5, "tap" has been changed to --cap-- . Also, on page 9, lines 3, 4, 7 and 8, reference character (145) has been changed to (110) as shown on Fig. 3C.

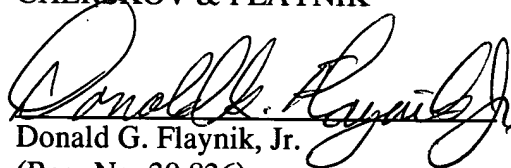
Pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6, claims 5 and 6 have been canceled.

Pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8, claims 1 and 24 have been amended to include a telescopic member (claim 1) implement (claim 24)/cap combination providing a pick-up tool when said telescopic member (or said implement) is embedded in said handle. Huang, US Patent No. 5,896,606 discloses a magnet 41 secured to the telescopic member 40 (column 2, lines 22-27); the magnet 41 attracting a fastener 91 engaged in a deep portion of an object 94 (column 2, lines 32-35).

Huang does not disclose, teach or suggest including a cap attached to the magnet to provide a pick-up tool when the telescopic member is embedded in the handle. It is respectfully submitted that Independent Claims 1 and 24 are now allowable together with the dependent claims pertaining thereto, which includes dependent claims 3, 6, 8 and 27; the subject of paragraphs 9-12 of the Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment overcomes the objections and rejections raised in the Office Action. If the Examiner upon consideration of the forgoing finds that a telephone interview would be helpful in expediting allowance of the present application, he is respectfully urged to call the applicant's undersigned attorney. It is submitted that all independent claims and the dependent claims corresponding thereto are now of proper form and scope for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,
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